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SUBJECT: CARNITI SUGGESTS CAUTION IN DEALING WITH PCI

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1. SUMMARY. PIERRE CARNITI, LEFT WING NATIONAL SECRETARY OF CISL, CRITICIZED RECENT PROPOSALS BY PRIME MINISTER MORO AND DEPUTY PREMIER LA MALFA. CARNITI'S ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION AND ITS POTENTIAL POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES WAS CONCERRED IN BY MODERATE CISL NATIONAL SECRETARY FRANCO MARINI AND CURIOUSLY BY LA MALFA HIMSELF. CARNITI ALSO ATTACKED UNSPECIFIED EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE TENDED RECENTLY TO CONFIDE IN THE PCI AND TO FAVOR THE CGIL OVER HIS ORGANIZATION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A MEETING OF THE CISL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CARNITI CRITICIZED THE SOCIAL CONTRACT SUGGESTED BY DEPUTY PREMIER UGO LA MALFA (PRI).  
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HE ADDED THAT PRIME MINISTER ALDO MORO'S RECENT LETTER TO THE

LEADERS OF THE THREE CONFEDERATIONS CGIL, CISL AND UIL LACKS  
PRECISE PROPOSALS FOR COPING WITH THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS.  
ACCORDING TO CARNITI, THE PROBLEMS FACING THE COUNTRY REQUIRE AN  
INCREASE IN PUBLIC SPENDING WHICH IS COMPATIBLE WITH AND WILL  
IMPROVE THE UTILIZATION OF THE COUNTRY'S RESOURCES. HE SAID  
THAT IN ORDER FOR THERE TO BE A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF  
INCOME AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY'S PRODUCTIVITY, PUBLIC SPENDING FOR HOUSING, ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE AND THE  
DEPRESSED SOUTH SHOULD BE INCREASED AND THAT SALARY POLICIES  
SHOULD BE BASED ON THE NEED TO SUSTAIN INTERNAL DEMAND OVER THE  
SHORT PERIOD. HE SUGGESTED THAT UNDULY RIGID SALARY LIMITATIONS  
COULD MAKE THE COUNTRY QUOTE UNGOVERNABLE UNQUOTE. HE ALSO  
CALLED FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS TO GUARANTEE EMPLOYMENT AND REFORM  
THE COUNTRY'S TAX COLLECTING SYSTEM.

3. REFERRING TO PRIME MINISTER MORO'S SPEECH IN BARI, CARNITI  
SAID THAT THE JUNE 15 ELECTION RESULTS CLEARLY INDICATE THE  
NEED TO INVOLVE THE PCI DIRECTLY IN POLICY MATTERS AFFECTING THE  
CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS. HE ADDED HOWEVER, THAT THESE DEALINGS  
BETWEEN THE CURRENT MAJORITY AND THE OPPOSITION PCI SHOULD BE  
QUOTE IN THE LIGHT OF DAY... NOT UNDER THE TABLE UNQUOTE. CARNITI  
WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED EMPLOYERS WHO TEND TO  
CONFIDE IN THE PCI, DISREGARDING THEIR OLD ANTI COMMUNISM, AND  
WHO SEEM TO FAVOR THE CGIL AT THE EXPENSE OF CISL IN LABOR  
NEGOTIATIONS.

4. CISL NATIONAL SECRETARY FRANCO MARINI (MODERATE) ALSO CRITICIZED  
RECENT PROPOSALS BY MORO AND LA MALFA. EMPHASIZING THE NEED  
TO PROTECT EMPLOYMENT, MARINI SAID THAT THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT  
IS UNABLE TO MAKE POLITICAL DECISIONS DUE TO THE CRISIS IN THE  
DC. HE ADDED THAT THE COMMUNIST OPPOSITION HAS NOT RPT NOT  
DONE MORE THAN MAKE GENERAL PROPOSALS. QUOTE EVERYONE SEEMS  
TO BE AFRAID OF UPSETTING THE CURRENT PRECARIOUS EQUILIBRIUM.  
UNQUOTE.

5. WHILE PROFESSING HIS INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE CONTINUED  
OPPOSITION OF THE UNIONS TO HIS PROPOSALS FOR COPING WITH THE  
CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS, LA MALFA IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE  
MILAN DAILY CORRIERE DELLA SERA EXPRESSED ANXIETIES SIMILAR  
TO THOSE VOICED BY CARNITI AND MARINI. HE SAID THAT IF THE  
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PARTIES OF THE MAJORITY TAKE TOO LONG IN DECIDING ON A LINE  
OF ACTION AND THEREBY FURTHER WEAKEN THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY,  
QUOTE THE COUNTRY COULD BECOME UNGOVERNABLE BY DEMOCRATIC MEANS  
UNQUOTE. LA MALFA WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF THE SAME WEAKNESSES  
IN THE TAX STRUCTURE TO WHICH CARNITI AND MARINI ALLUDED. HE  
POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ARE THE  
RESULT OF MISTAKES MADE BY THE UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS AS WELL  
AS GOVERNMENT.

6. COMMENT: THE CURRENT STAGE OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE UNIONS AND GOVERNMENT IN ITALY SUGGEST AN UNCANNY ABILITY FOR BOTH SIDES TO TALK PAST EACH OTHER WHILE AGREEING ON BASIC PRINCIPLES. MARINI MAY BE CORRECT WHEN HE SUGGESTS THAT THE INABILITY OF GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS, AND UNIONS TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING IS CONDITIONED BY FEAR REGARDING A POLITICAL UPSET WHICH COULD INVOLVE THE PCI. PERHAPS MOST INTERESTING, HOWEVER, IS CARNITI'S IMPLICIT SUGGESTION THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE NO MORE TO BE TRUSTED THAN THE CURRENT MAJORITY. WHILE CARNITI'S COMMENTS WERE EXTENSIVELY COVERED BY THE PCI DAILY L'UNITA, THE LATTER FAILED TO NOTE CARNITI'S CAVEAT REGARDING PCI TRUSTWORTHINESS. VOLPE

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